



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
Office of Employee Benefits

End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

During the pandemic, many temporary, expanded coverage changes were made to State of Rhode Island Anchor, Anchor Plus and Anchor Choice plans to help members access care. The state and federal COVID-19 public health emergencies end on May 11, 2023. Here's how this impacts State of Rhode Island Anchor Plan coverage:

- ***COVID-19 vaccines***
 - These will continue to be covered 100% as preventive services

- ***Over the counter (OTC) tests***
 - With/without a provider's order, no longer covered effective May 12, 2023

- **COVID-19 lab-based testing**
 - With provider's order: covered 100% both in-network and out-of-network
 - Without a provider's order: not covered

- **COVID-19 treatment**
 - 100% coverage for COVID-19 treatment ends effective May 12, 2023, and COVID-19 is covered like other health conditions
 - Any member cost-sharing (copay, deductible) will apply as usual

- **Telehealth**
 - Coverage will return to standard plan design with member cost-sharing applicable for all telehealth services (both in-network and out-of-network) effective May 12, 2023

Questions about these changes should be directed to:

- For medical coverage: BCBSRI State of Rhode Island Employee CARE Center at (401) 429-2104 or 1-866-987-3705.
- For prescription coverage: CVS Caremark Customer Care at 800-552-8159

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